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Remarks

Claims 1-10, 12-13, and 15-23 are in the case. Claims 14 and 24 are cancelled.

In paragraph 7 of the Final Rejection, claims 1-10, 12, 13, and 20-23 were indicated as being allowable. These claims have not been amended and, thus, remain allowable.

In paragraph 6 of the Final Rejection, claims 15-19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 15-19 are amended to be in independent form, including all of the limitations of base claim 14.

Claims 14 and 24 were the only claims rejected in the Final Rejection. These claims are cancelled from the case to expedite the prosecution of the present application. However, Applicant does not agree with the rejections of claim 14 and reserve the right to pursue prosecution of this claim in a continuing application.

Thus, it is believed that all of the grounds of rejection and objection set forth in the Final Rejection have been obviated. All of the claims in the present application are in condition for allowance.

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